

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
detecting an activation of an input device of a computing system;  
in response to detecting the activation, spinning up a hard disk coupled to the  
computing system in anticipation of a read request or a write request that has not yet been  
generated~~a system detecting an occurrence of a predetermined event, wherein the~~  
~~predetermined event is a cache of the hard disk reaching a predetermined level of dirty data,~~  
~~the predetermined level is to be reached before the cache of the hard disk is full of dirty data;~~  
and  
~~in response to detecting the event, spinning up a hard disk of the system prior to a~~  
~~request to exchange data with the hard disk.~~
- 2-3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting an activation of an  
input device ~~the predetermined event~~ further includes detecting a presence of a system user.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting an activation of an  
input device ~~the predetermined event~~ further includes detecting ~~one of a~~ movement and  
activation of ~~one of an input device and a pointing device.~~
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting an activation of an  
input device ~~the predetermined event~~ further includes detecting ~~movement of a mouse or the~~  
activation of a key on a keyboard.
7. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium having stored thereon a set of  
instructions which when executed cause a system to perform a method comprising of:  
detecting an activation of an input device of the system;

in response to detecting the activation, spinning up a hard disk coupled to the system in anticipation of a read request or a write request that has not yet been generated  
~~detecting an occurrence of a predetermined event, wherein the predetermined event is a cache of the hard disk reaching a predetermined level of dirty data, the predetermined level is to be reached before the cache of the hard disk is full of dirty data; and~~  
~~in response to detecting the event, spinning up a hard disk of the system prior to a request to exchange data with the hard disk.~~

8-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 7, wherein detecting an activation of an input device~~the predetermined event~~ further includes detecting a presence of a system user.

11. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 7, wherein detecting an activation of an input device~~the predetermined event~~ further includes detecting ~~one of a~~ movement ~~and activation of one of an input device and a pointing device.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
a processor;  
a non-volatile cache coupled to the processor;  
a hard disk coupled to the processor;  
an input device coupled to the processor; and  
a machine readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which when executed cause the system to perform a method comprising of:

detecting an activation of the input device;  
in response to detecting the activation, spinning up the hard disk in  
anticipation of a read request or a write request that has not yet been generated~~detecting an occurrence of a predetermined event, wherein the predetermined event is a cache of the hard disk reaching a predetermined level of dirty data, the predetermined level is to be reached before the cache of the hard disk is full of dirty data; and~~

~~in response to detecting the event, spinning up a hard disk of the system prior to a request to exchange data with the hard disk.~~

13-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the input device includes a camera that is activated by detecting ~~wherein the predetermined event further includes detecting~~ a presence of a system user.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the input device includes a pointing device that is activated by detecting a movement ~~wherein the predetermined event further includes detecting one of movement and activation of one of an input device and a pointing device.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the input device includes a keyboard that is activated by ~~the predetermined event includes detecting movement of a mouse or the activation of a key on a the keyboard.~~

18. (Canceled).